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NAIROBI FOR TERRY PFLAUMER
LONDON FOR CHARLES GURNEY
PARIS FOR BISA WILLIAMS
NSC FOR SENIOR AFRICA DIRECTOR JENDAYI FRAZER

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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE: EDITOR OF INDEPENDENT "DAILY NEWS"
ARRESTED

REF: HARARE 2402

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CLASSIFIED BY POLITICAL OFFICER TODD FAULK FOR REASONS
1.5 (B) AND (D).

(C) ACCORDING TO SEVERAL EMBASSY SOURCES, POLICE
ARRESTED GEOFF NYAROTA, THE EDITOR OF THE INDEPENDENT
"DAILY NEWS" NEWSPAPER, AT HIS HOME ABOUT 1AM ON THE
MORNING OF AUGUST 15. AS OF MID-DAY AUGUST 15,
NYAROTA WAS STILL BEING HELD AT HARARE'S CENTRAL
POLICE STATION. PROMINENT OPPOSITIONIST ATTORNEY
BRIAN KAGORO AND THE "DAILY NEWS" NEWS EDITOR ARE
REPORTEDLY AT THE POLICE STATION WITH NYAROTA TO
REPRESENT HIM. OUR CONTACTS DO NOT KNOW WITH WHAT
NYAROTA HAS BEEN CHARGED, IF HE HAS BEEN CHARGED AT
ALL. OUR CONTACTS SPECULATE THAT THE POLICE ARE ANGRY
WITH NYAROTA FOR AUGUST 14'S HEADLINE STORY ENTITLED
"POLICE VEHICLES USED IN FARM LOOTING SPREE," AND ARE
QUESTIONING HIM ABOUT IT (SEE REFTTEL FOR A REPORT OF
THE LOOTING SPREE). WE ARE FOLLOWING THE SITUATION
CLOSELY AND WILL REPORT ONCE WE KNOW MORE.

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